

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remedy the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection which rendered the claims indefinite. More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis issues noted by the Office. Furthermore, all claims have been amended to remove included reference numerals thereby obviating any conflict between the claims and drawings.

The indication of the otherwise allowability of the subject matter of claims 1-18 is acknowledged with appreciation - and it is respectfully asserted that the above-referenced amendments place the claims in allowable form.

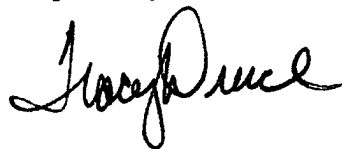
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It is believed that the above changes place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Order No. 07589.0049.NPUS01.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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